



To his Grace JAMES, Duke of LEINSTER,

We the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Corporation of SADLERS, UPHOLDERS, COACH and COACH-HARNESS MAKERS, BRIDLE-CUTTERS, and WHEELWRIGHTS, &c. of Guild of the Blessed VIRGIN MARY, DUBLIN.

WILLING to Embrace every Opportunity that may offer for the good of this City, and Kingdom in general, and being thoroughly convinced of the Principles and Virtues that have made your Grace's Illustrious and Noble House so respectable, and Conspicuously dear in the eyes of every Citizen; Principles which will ever Stand distinguished with a peculiar Lustre in the Annals of this Kingdom. From these Inducements, we are emboldened thus to Address your Grace, earnestly requesting, you will permit your Son, (and our worthy Brother,) the most Noble the Marquis of Kildare to be a Candidate to fill the present vacant Seat to represent this City in Parliament.

In Testimony whereof, we have unanimously desired our Clerk to affix our Seal, and subscribe the same, this 15th Day of September, 1767.

Signed by Order,

MARK ZOUCHE, Clerk.

To which his GRACE was pleased to return the following Answer.

SIR,

Carton, September 27, 1767.

SOME Days since I was honoured with an Application from the Corporation of Sadlers, &c. of which you are Master, to permit my Son, the Marquis of Kildare, (your Brother,) to be Set up a Candidate at the ensuing Election of a Member to represent the City of Dublin in Parliament.

Your desire, and the Manner of doing it, is such an Honour and Mark of your's and your Brethrens regard for me and my Family that I have not Words to express what I feel upon the Occasion, but beg Leave to assure you and your Brethren, that I shall have a lasting Remembrance of this, (I believe I may say unprecedented,) Mark of your Corporation's Esteem and good Opinion; the more flattering on Account of its being unsolicited and unexpected.

As your Corporation, with others, call upon my Son to be offered a Candidate to represent in Parliament so great and exultant a City as that of Dublin, I cannot but look upon it as a Duty to obey the Summons with the greatest Gratitude and Acknowledgement.

I flatter myself not only that my Son will (if elected) do all in his Power to execute the high Trust reposed in him for the Advantage of the Kingdom of Ireland, and the City of Dublin in particular, to the Satisfaction and Approbation of his Constituents; but also, that he will ever retain (whatever the Success of the Election may be) a grateful Sense of the Manner that he was called upon to be a Candidate.

It gives me extreme Concern that at this Time he is at such a distance from Ireland as to make it impossible for him to be present at the Election, or to have it in his Power to make the proper Acknowledgements, which otherwise I am certain he would do, for the very great Honour and Favour so many of the eminent Citizens of Dublin have been pleased to confer upon him.

I beg that you will be so good as to communicate the Contents of this Letter to your Corporation as soon as conveniently you can, and believe me to be with the greatest Truth, and the highest Sense of Gratitude.

Sir, Your's and your Brethrens,

most Obedient,

and most obliged

humble Servant,

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To Mr. WILLIAM McCREADY, Master of
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Cap. 21 of 28/32



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